

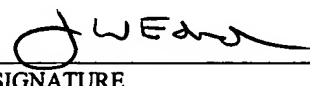
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER
07481.0039-00000U.S. APPLICATION NO.
(If known, see 37CFR1.5)**10/548315**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP2004/002784INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
March 5, 2004PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
March 07, 2003TITLE OF INVENTION
GAS OIL FRACTION HYDROTREATMENT PROCESSAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
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Applicant(s) herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A Substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application 35 U.S.C. 154 (d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
 - a. ☒ Copy of cover page of International Publication No. WO 2004/002784
 - b. ☐ Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements.
 - c. ☐

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37CFR 1.5) 10/548315 | | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/07887 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 07481.0039-00 | |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: | | | | Applicant Use | Office Use Only |
| BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)): | | | | \$ 300.00 | |
| National Stage Search Fee.....\$500.00 | | | | \$500.00 | |
| National Stage Examination Fee.....\$200.00 | | | | \$ 200.00 | |
| ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | | | | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | Number of additional 50 or fraction thereof (rounded up to a whole number) | Rate | | |
| - 100 = | 28/50 = | | x 250.00 | \$ | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)). | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 | \$ |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| Total Claims | 9 | 9 - 20 = | 0 | x \$50.00 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 3 - 3 = | 0 | x \$200.00 | \$ |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) | | | | +\$360.00 | \$ |
| TOTAL OF THE ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$1,000.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | \$ | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | \$1,000.00 | |
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| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | \$ | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property. | | | | + | \$ |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| | | | | Amount to be refunded: | \$ |
| | | | | charged: | \$ |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1,000.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>06-0916</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. | | | | | |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: | | | | | |
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